

## Consultancy Services of \$10,000 or More Let during 2008–09

The following table provides details on contracts let during 2008-09 of \$10,000 or more (inclusive of GST). The Bureau of Meteorology engages consultants in accordance with the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* and the *Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines*. Tenders have been evaluated against selection criteria designed to demonstrate that services provide the Commonwealth with value-for-money solutions that comply with Commonwealth policies.

| Consultant Name                            | Description   | Contract Price | Selection Process (1) | Justification (2) |
|--|---|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Aircraft Data Engineering & Consultancy    | Consultancy services for the development of Aircraft Meteorological Data Relay (AMDAR) software     | \$60,910       | Direct                | A                 |
| Australian Government Solicitor            | Advice on Comcare matters   | \$15,999       | Direct                | B                 |
| Australian Government Solicitor            | Advice regarding <i>Water Act 2007</i> intellectual property issues                                 | \$16,748       | Direct                | B                 |
| Australian Government Solicitor            | Intellectual property policy advice   | \$33,806       | Select                | B                 |
| Australian Government Solicitor            | Advice regarding water regulations  | \$15,824       | Direct                | B                 |
| Australian Government Solicitor            | Advice regarding Flux Station   | \$20,958       | Direct                | B                 |
| Enterprise Knowledge                       | Advice regarding establishment of an Electronic Records Data Management System                      | \$34,012       | Direct                | B                 |
| Ernst and Young                            | Consultancy services for drafting of water accounting standards                                     | \$400,000      | Select                | B                 |
| Geoscience Australia                       | Consultancy for volcano monitoring in Indonesia   | \$17,600       | Direct                | A                 |
| ITT Visual Information Systems             | Consultancy services for enhancement of decision support tool                                       | \$94,719       | Direct                | B                 |
| Ladbray Consortium                         | Advice supporting supercomputer contract negotiations   | \$12,913       | Direct                | B                 |
| Ladbray Consortium                         | Legal advice on various property matters  | \$13,587       | Direct                | B                 |
| PBJ & Associates                           | Consultancy services to determine maximum electrical power available for Central Computing Facility | \$13,062       | Direct                | B                 |
| Parsons Brinckerhoff Australia Pty Limited | Consultancy services regarding metering and rural water use estimation                              | \$44,000       | Direct                | C                 |

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| Rainman Recycled Water Systems                  | Hydrographic training consultancy   | \$87,780  | Open   | B |
| SMS Consulting Group Limited                    | Consultancy services for the AWRIS project  | \$145,200 | Direct | B |
| Stratsec.Net Pty Ltd                            | Development of an ICT strategic plan  | \$39,600  | Direct | C |
| Streamlining Innovations                        | Consultancy services for the development of compliance management system business process models      | \$39,600  | Direct | B |
| The Allen Consulting Group Pty Ltd              | Consultancy to assist with delivery of category 6 data to the Bureau under the Water Regulations 2008 | \$193,873 | Direct | B |
| University Corporation for Atmospheric Research | Evaluation of wind shear detection options for Sydney Airport   | \$182,577 | Direct | B |

- The following selection process terms are drawn from the *Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines* (December 2008):
  - Open Tender:** A request for tender was published inviting all consultants that satisfied the conditions of participation to submit tenders.
  - Select Tender:** A select number of consultants were invited to submit offers.
  - Direct Sourcing:** The enquiry was confined to a single consultant under the conditions for direct sourcing described in the mandatory procurement procedures.
  - Panel:** The consultant was chosen from a panel of pre-qualified consultants selected through a separate procurement process.
- The legend for the 'Justification' column in the table above is as follows:
  - A.** Skills currently unavailable within the Bureau of Meteorology.
  - B.** Need for specialised or professional skills not generally existing in the Bureau of Meteorology.
  - C.** Need for independent research or assessment.